Setting up of Pipeline for transportation of gas

726. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, in view of the possibilities for the availability of considerable gas in the Southern and Eastern Zones, Government propose to set up pipelines for the transportation of gas; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in that direction?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and (b) In order to ensure optimal gas utilisation, ONGC & OIL have laid/are laying sectional pipelines to supply natural gas to their consumers from nearby oil/gas fields in Assam. In the Southern Region, ONGC have already tied up eight small consumers and APSEB for utilisation of gas they propose to produce from K-G Basin. Commitments have also been made to three consumers including Tamil Nadu State Electricity Board, for supply of gas from Cauveri Basin. ONGC would be laying pipelines from the gas fields to the vicinity of the consumers for supply of gas.

Furnishing of data to the Kelkar Committee

727. SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Member Secretary of Kelkar Committee provided the data in respect to annual sales turn over imports, market share, production and number of producers of indigenous drugs to the experts along with the list of 166 drugs selected for identification,

(b) whether it is also a fact that Department of Chemicals neither monitor sales turn over, market share, imports nor production of all drugs;

(c) if so, what was the source from which all these data were obtained;

(d) whether it is a fact that the data have been found to be absolutely incorrect;

(e) what are the basis on which 166 drugs were selected and circulated to experts;

(f) whether it is a fact that the Member Secretary prepared the report and also examined the same in the Minisrty; and

(g) if so, how many anomalies have been brought to the notice of the Committee?

THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) There is no such indication from the report of the Committee.

(b) The Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals monitors production of 87 drugs only.

(c) The sources from which data obtained were Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, O.R.G., manufacturers, consumer Organisations, etc. according to the report of the committee.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The 166 drugs were selected and circulated on the basis of their uses in the country.

(f) No, Sir.

(g) The requisite information has already been furnished to the Rajya Sabha in reply to Unstarred Question No. 51 on 25th April, 1988.